

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS
NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION
BRIAN S. MILLER, JUDGE

DIVISION IV

CA07-840

March 5, 2008

JANICE CRAWFORD JOHNSON

APPELLANT

v.

AN APPEAL FROM THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT
[DR-07-738]

SCOTT CRAWFORD

HON. MICHAEL H. MASHBURN,
JUDGE

APPELLEE

AFFIRMED

This is a pro se appeal by Janice Crawford Johnson following the entry of a modification of a divorce decree in Washington County. On appeal, Johnson argues that (1) the portion of the modified order preventing the parties' minor daughter from calling Johnson's husband "daddy" is a violation of the minor's First Amendment rights and is an abuse of discretion and (2) the portion of the modified order forcing the parent to reprimand the minor child for exercising her First Amendment rights is a violation of the child's Fourteenth Amendment rights and is an abuse of discretion. We affirm.

The parties were divorced on July 8, 2001. The divorce decree was modified on October 4, 2002. On October 26, 2005, Crawford moved to have the previous order modified. Johnson filed a response and counter-motion on October 22,

2005. Following the April 20, 2006 hearing, the trial judge ruled that the minor child could not refer to either of her biological parents' spouses as "mommy" or "daddy." Counsel for Johnson replied by stating that Johnson did not think the child should be punished for calling either spouse "mommy" or "daddy." This was the only statement made at the hearing that addressed the trial court's ruling. The hearing concluded after other matters were addressed.

On July 21, 2007, Johnson petitioned the court because the parties could not agree to the wording of the order. The final order was filed March 5, 2007, in Saline County. An order was entered on May 1, 2007, stating that the case was transferred to Washington County on April 23, 2007. The final order was filed in Washington County on April 23, 2007. Paragraph nineteen (19) of the order provides that:

Neither party will encourage or allow the minor child to call the parties' current spouses by a name like daddy or mommy. Only the parents are to be called by parental names. Further, the parents shall appropriately reprimand the child if she calls the current spouse by such names. The parents only are to be called by parental names. It is the parents' and step-parents' responsibility to explain to the child that the step-parent is not be called a parental name.

Although Johnson filed a timely appeal, we cannot reach the merits of her arguments because she failed to make these arguments at the hearing. Issues raised for the first time on appeal will not be considered. *Allen v. Allison*, 356 Ark. 403, 155 S.W.3d 688 (2004). Simply stating that she did not think her child should be punished was not enough to preserve these issues for appellate review. We therefore affirm.

Affirmed.

PITTMAN, C.J., and GLOVER, J., agree.